



Queen Esther Bowles

JAN 8, 1946 - NOV 16, 2023



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Queen Esther Bowles, 77, of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2023. Queen was born in January of 1946 with the purpose of sharing her love and kindness with the world. She loved the Lord Jesus Christ and would pray with you in that moment based on the Lords' leading. Lovingly, Queen Esther was raised by her beloved grandmother, Australia Bowles. She attended Fort Cheatham Elementary and graduated from Howard High School, class of 1966. Queen was a very active athlete at Howard, where she excelled in basketball and track. Queen Esther was a former member of the Greater New Home Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as the youth leader for the Junior Red Circle. She later united with Vision Ministries under the leadership of Dr. J.Z. Valentin where she was a faithful member who loved her church family since 1995. Queen was employed by the state of Tennessee until retirement in 2009, where she had 30 plus years of service. Queen loved her work and the opportunities to meet people. She was beloved by her coworkers, and she gladly returned that sweet love. Queen would gladly introduce her coworkers, church members, cousins, and strangers as brothers and sisters showering love on all those she met. She would give at moment's notice if the need arose whether it was her first or last. She passed away in the loving care of Charter Senior Living of Chattanooga where once again, Queen shared and received so much love. Queen was preceded in death by her mother, Beatrice Bowles Dean; grandmother, Australia Bowles. Queen Esther is survived by her extended family, Herman Griggs, Connie Griggs, Derrick Griggs, Daryl Griggs, Damon Griggs, and David Griggs, their children as well as a host of cousins and friends. She will lie-in-state on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel with Dr. J.Z. Valentin as the eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.



Events

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Lie-In-State

 **Monday**, November 27, 2023

 9:00 AM ET

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Service

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VV

V Vallion posted:

I remember visiting my great grandmother Mama Sarah, Aunt Australia and Queen Esther in the summer when I was a child with my grandmother Julia Mae. I was sitting down and thinking about old family memories and googled Queen name. I wasn't expecting to read her obituary. My condolences to Herman, Connie and family. I pray that Queen faith and works were enough for God to accept her in heaven.

May 29 at 2:45 PM

GD

Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in honor of Queen.



December 12 at 1:07 PM

BO

Betty Odea posted:

God couldn't have picked a sweeter angel, she was such a loving and giving person. prayers for the family

November 27 at 9:51 AM

BB

Brenda Bowles lit a candle in honor of Queen.

Queen Esther may you rest in eternal peace. Thank you to the extended Griggs Family for all of your love and kindness shown throughout the years. May God bless you.



November 27 at 5:11 AM

JE

June Early lit a candle in honor of Queen.



November 26 at 5:12 PM



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RW

Robertta Williams lit a candle in honor of Queen.

May GOD bring Comfort and Peace to the Family.

November 26 at 4:36 PM



RJ

Rev. Frank & Lanita Jones lit a candle in honor of Queen.

November 26 at 1:31 PM



CB

Comm.Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in honor of Queen.

November 26 at 7:33 AM



VH

Van & Regina Hickman lit a candle in honor of Queen.

Heartfelt Condolences with Words of Sympathy for the sorrow that you feel, and the heartache that you bear. Though we cannot comprehend, still we deeply care. May it comfort you to know, we lift your name in prayer. May you lean upon the Father, for He is always there. With Deepest Sympathy Van & Regina Patten Hickman

November 25 at 2:13 PM



AN

Alice Montgomery(Nita) sent a virtual gift in honor of Queen.

November 24 at 5:58 PM



CA

Carolyn Adams lit a candle in honor of Queen.

November 24 at 11:23 AM





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Comm.Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in honor of Queen.



November 23 at 3:56 PM



Debbie Lay lit a candle in honor of Queen.

I met her through working with the state of Tennessee. She was a great friend. She was such a nice person . She will be missed.



November 22 at 8:20 PM



Damon Griggs shared a photo to the **Queen** album.



November 22 at 7:49 AM



Richard And Linda Qualls sent a virtual gift in honor of Queen.



November 21 at 10:41 AM

LB **Laurel Buttram** November 27 at 9:44 AM

Queen Esther was a lovely, thoughtful and considerate Classmate. I last spoke to her about a month ago. She had been on my mind. Praying for peace and comfort for her family. Will miss you Queen Esther. Rest in paradise.Laurel Finley Buttram Howard High Class of 1966.

RP **Rose Mary Porter** November 26 at 5:41 AM

Queen Esther was a dear friend and classmate of mine,she was such a nice friendly person,we knew each other for years,I will pray for her family and close friends that God will give them comfort,peace and strength during their time of sorrow

AP **Ann Jones Pierre** November 21 at 12:11 PM

May God continue to bless the family with wonderful memories.

RQ **Richard And Linda Qualls** November 21 at 10:44 AM

The Howard Class 1966 remembering our classmate, Queen Ester.



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Doris Cato Parham posted:

50 year friendship. Queen was the most giving person I ever met. Love you girl. Rest in His arms.

November 21 at 10:21 AM



Kim Carree sent a virtual gift in honor of Queen.



November 21 at 6:15 AM



Phyllis Patten Fleming lit a candle in honor of Queen.

Lit a candle in memory of Queen Ester Bowles.



November 20 at 10:05 AM



Alice Montgomery(Nita) sent a virtual gift in honor of Queen.



November 20 at 4:06 AM



Dechante Courtney Walker lit a candle in honor of Queen.



November 19 at 3:13 PM



Marilyn Thompson posted:

Queen Ester and I have been friends for over 30 years. We met working Travel Shows and remained close after retirement. Loved her so much. Prayers for her family💜

November 18 at 3:26 PM



Saron Hudgins Jordan November 19 at 1:19 PM

My former neighbor and sad that she won't be able to help others- always lending a hand



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November 17 at 4:49 PM



Joyce,T, Bubba And Bundles posted:

TO THE FAMILY OF QUEEN ESTHER;'SSHE WAS SO IMPORTANT IN ME AND MY SONS; RICARDO (TEKE'S)AND DESMAN (BUBBA'S) LIVES.. I SHALL NEVER FORGET, I DID NOT HAVE A BABY-SITTER FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BECAUSE THEIR NURSERY WAS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK..QUEEN ESTHER STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE INTRODUCED ME TO HER AUNT , AND THE REST WAS HISTORY. SHE SAVED MY JOB AT SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY. MAY THE FAMILY KNOW I WILL NEVER FORGET HER GENEROSITY..TO US.....

November 17 at 4:25 PM



Katherine Gibbs Garth November 28 at 7:07 AM

I remember Queen Esther from Howard High School. She was a very nice person and a very good basketball ball player and track runner. VERY SWEET PERSON!



Joyce,T, Bubba And Bundles November 17 at 4:24 PM

JOYCE,T. BUBBA.BUNDLES



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November 22 at 7:49 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Queen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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